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# News Release

## **Reduction in 2009 Reported Burglaries**

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The Harrisonburg Police Department has taken nearly 300 reports for burglaries in years past. In 2009, there was a significant drop in burglaries.

There was a 26 percent reduction in burglary reports from 2008 compared to 2009.

City-wide burglary statistics:

- 2007 – 264 burglaries
- 2008 – 254 burglaries
- 2009 – 187 burglaries.

“While there is still work to do, the gradual reduction over the last three years is quite notable,” said Mary-Hope Vass Public Information Officer and Crime Analyst.

As a community, it is important to continue working together to help these numbers decrease.